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Letter dated 12 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instruction from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 24 April 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations and its annex, which contains unfounded allegations against my Government, I wish to reiterate our position as reflected in the letters of 23 March 2015 (S/2015/207), 9 April 2015 (S/2015/249) and 17 April 2015 (S/2015/263), and to categorically reject such allegations that are wilfully fabricated to distract attention from the misguided and failed policies that have led to the current crisis in Yemen.

I also wish to bring your attention to the fact that, according to substantiated reports, including one released by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, hundreds of Yemeni people have been killed as a result of the Saudi-led coalition military campaign, the overwhelming majority of whom were civilians, including women and children. The humanitarian situation is now worse than what could have been imagined a month ago, especially in the light of the recent use of cluster bombs in attacking civilian targets. Due to the gravity of the situation of the war-stricken population and their urgent need of humanitarian assistance, the Islamic Republic of Iran has tried by all means to alleviate the suffering of the affected Yemeni people, efforts that have mostly been thwarted by the coalition forces. Indeed, the destruction of the transportation infrastructure of Yemen by the coalition forces has adversely impacted the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has proposed a four-point plan to promote efforts towards ending the ongoing bloodshed and finding a political solution to the crisis. Only through Yemeni-led and Yemeni-owned national dialogue, with the participation of the representatives of all political parties and social groups, can we envision a prospect for peace and stability. Iran believes that there could never be a military solution to the conflict and the foreign aggression against Yemeni people has only exacerbated the situation. Tragically, extremist and well-known terrorist groups in the region are the only beneficiaries of the current military campaign against Yemen.

It is unfortunate that the Security Council has thus far failed to stop the military aggression against the innocent Yemeni people. Likewise, it is ironic that the above-mentioned letter by the Permanent Representative of Qatar has fallen short of providing a viable solution to help the Yemeni people, and instead has

maintained a smear campaign to misguide the international community. Such attempts are doomed to failure. We warn against the consequences of the foreign military operations against Yemen. We also reiterate that those who violate international law, including international humanitarian law, should be held accountable for their acts and there should be no room for impunity.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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